



Board of Health Meeting MINUTES

Wednesday, March 26, 2025 - 5:00
SSM Algoma Community Room | Videoconference

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Sally Hagman
Julila Hemphill
Donald McConnell - 2nd Vice-Chair
Luc Morrisette
Sonny Spina
Suzanne Trivers - Board Chair
Jody Wildman - 1st Vice-Chair
Natalie Zagordo

APH MEMBERS

Dr. John Tuinema - Acting Medical Officer of Health & CEO
Rick Webb - Director of Corporate Services
Kristy Harper - Director of Health Promotion & Prevention /
Chief Nursing Officer
Leslie Dunseath - Manager of Accounting Services
Leo Vecchio - Manager of Communications
Tania Caputo - Board Secretary

STAFF GUESTS: Alana Brassard - Supervisor of Healthy Growth & Development, Lillie Mills - Public Health Nurse, Taylor Labadie, Health Promotion Specialist

REGRETS: Deborah Graystone, Sonia Tassone - Board of Health Members

GUESTS: Joseph Clark, Arda Safkan, Tim Schneider, Mili Alikalfic - Blackstone Energy

1.0 Meeting Called to Order - 5:00 pm

S. Trivers, welcomed the Board of Health members, read the land acknowledgment, roll call and declaration of interest.

- a. Land Acknowledgment
- b. Roll Call
- c. Declaration of Conflict of Interest
No conflicts were declared.

2.0 Adoption of Agenda

RESOLUTION 2025-24

Moved: S. Hagman
Seconded: J. Hemphill

THAT the Board of Health agenda dated March 26, 2025, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3.0 Delegations / Presentations

a. Supporting Infant and Early Mental Health in Algoma - The Nurturing Algoma Project

Lillie Mills and Taylor Labadie delivered a presentation on a district-wide collaborative community initiative called the Nurturing Algoma Project. They discussed how the project aligns with the strategic directions of Algoma Public Health and the Ontario Public Health Standards. The Nurturing Algoma Project exemplifies the population health promotion model and embodies the principles of the Ottawa Charter for Health Promotion. Algoma has become the second community-wide collaboration in Canada to adopt this initiative. We are united by a common goal: to create an environment that promotes the well-being of Algoma's youngest residents. An Algoma-wide checkup will gather data from October 2024, as well as in April and October of 2025. This data will support funding requests, grant applications, and the allocation of services.

4.0 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

RESOLUTION 2025-25

Moved: L. Morrisette
Seconded: J. Hemphill

THAT the Board of Health meeting minutes dated February 26, 2025, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

5.0 Business Arising from Minutes

Not applicable.

6.0 Reports to the Board

a. Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer Reports

MOH Report - March 2025

Dr. Tuinema discussed the rise in measles cases in Ontario and our preparations for it. Vaccination rates fell after the pandemic due to limited healthcare access, but the vast majority of the population is immunized. Maintaining high vaccination levels is vital to prevent outbreaks, as measles is highly contagious. Currently, Algoma has no reported cases.

The monitoring of avian influenza was discussed, which has been found in bird species and some mammals, including cattle in the U.S. Planning continues at all levels including locally, provincially, and federally.

Additionally, Dr. Tuinema announced that we are upgrading our 24/7 response system and introducing a new after-hours contact number.

The written highlight for this month's report is Mental Health Promotion in Schools - Fostering Positive Relationships with Food.

RESOLUTION

2025-26

Moved: N. Zagordo

Seconded: S. Hagman

THAT the report of the Medical Officer of Health and CEO be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

b. Finance and Audit

i. Finance and Audit Committee Chair Report

RESOLUTION

2025-27

Moved: D. McConnell

Seconded: L. Morrissette

THAT the Finance and Audit Committee Chair Report for March 2023 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

ii. Unaudited Financial Statements ending January 31, 2025.

L. Dunseath provided an overview of the financial statements.

RESOLUTION

2025-28

Moved: N. Zagordo

Seconded: L. Morrissette

THAT the Board of Health accepts the Unaudited Financial Statements for the period ending January 31, 2025, as presented.

CARRIED

iii. Blackstone Energy Project

Rick Webb introduced Joseph Clarke from Blackstone to present the proposed project, which aims to be self-funding and cash-neutral, to reduce energy bills, decrease greenhouse gas emissions, and renew aging assets.

RESOLUTION

2025-29

Moved: S. Hagman

Seconded: D. McConnell

THAT the Board of Health has reviewed the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee to proceed with the Blackstone project proposal as presented; and

THAT final Board of Health approval of a partnership and project will be determined after a review of the final text of the partnership agreement.

CARRIED

7.0 New Business/General Business

- a. Not applicable

8.0 Correspondence - requiring action

- a. alPHa Conference and AGM - June 18 - 20, 2025 - Board members are asked to let the Board Secretary know if they can attend.

9.0 Correspondence - for information

- a. alPHa Information Break - March 2025
- b. Letter to the Ministers of Health from Public Health Sudbury & Districts regarding **Support for a Provincial Immunization Registry** dated March 21, 2025.
- c. Letter to the Ministers of Health from Public Health Sudbury & Districts regarding **Endorsement of the Walport Report, and for Continued focus on Public Health Emergency & Pandemic Preparedness** dated March 21, 2025.

The Board requested that letters of support be distributed regarding Item 9 b. and 9 c.

10.0 Addendum

Not applicable.

11.0 In-Camera - 6:04 pm

For discussion of labour relations and employee negotiations, matters about identifiable individuals, **adoption of in camera minutes, security of the property of the board**, litigation or potential litigation.

RESOLUTION 2025-30

Moved: L. Morrisette
Seconded: N. Zagordo

THAT the Board of Health go in-camera.

CARRIED

12.0 Open Meeting - 7:03 pm

Resolutions resulting from in-camera meeting:

a. Leadership Compensation Increase

RESOLUTION 2025-34

Moved: S. Hagman
Seconded: J. Hemphill

THAT the Board of Health approves the Leadership Compensation Increase as proposed.

CARRIED

13.0 Announcements / Next Committee Meetings:

Finance and Audit Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 9, 2025 @ 5:00 pm

SSM Algoma Community Room | Video Conference

Board of Health Orientation - New Board Members

Friday, April 11, 2025 @ 9:00 am - noon

SSM Algoma Community Room | Video Conference

Governance Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 16, 2025 @ 5:00 pm

SSM Algoma Community Room | Video Conference

Board of Health

Wednesday, April 23, 2025 @ 5:00 pm

SSM Algoma Community Room | Video Conference

14.0 Adjournment

RESOLUTION

2025-35

Moved: N. Zagordo

Seconded: J. Hemphill

THAT the Board of Health meeting adjourns.

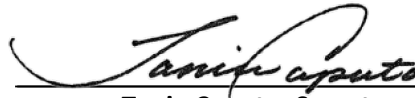
CARRIED



Suzanne Trivers, Chair

April 23, 2025

Date



Tania Caputo, Secretary

April 23, 2025

Date